



# TANF 705-1

## EMPLOYMENT and TRAINING

### Participation Hours

<b>Supersedes:</b>	TANF 701-2 (07/01/09)
<b>References:</b>	ARM 37.78.102, .206, and .216; 45 CFR 261.30-.36; Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Federal regulations require TANF cash clients to participate in certain activities as a condition of eligibility for TANF cash.</p> <p>The number of activity hours a TANF cash client must participate in is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Household composition (single or two-parent); and</li><li>• The minor child's age (child under age 6).</li></ul>
<b>PARTICIPATION HOURS</b>	Clients are required to participate in activities for each month a TANF grant is issued, including the month their case is closing or when they are being sanctioned the following month.
<b>SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<p>The following individuals must participate in allowable work activities at least 108 hours per month (average 27 hours per week):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Single parents who have a child under age 6; and</li><li>2. Teen parents who have a child under age 6 who are:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Living independently; or</li><li>b. Not living independently and not in school.</li></ol></li></ol> <p>The following individuals must participate in allowable work activities at least 132 hours per month (average 33 hours per week):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Single parents with no child under age 6;</li><li>2. Teen parents with no child under age 6 who are:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Living independently; or</li><li>b. Not living independently and not in school;</li></ol></li><li>3. Minor children, age 16 or 17 who are not attending school.</li></ol>
<b>TWO-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<p>Each adult in a two-parent household is required to participate in allowable work activities at least 132 hours per month (average 33 hours per week).</p> <p>If one or both parents are temporarily or permanently incapacitated, the household is considered a single-parent household only when assigning participation hours.</p>
<b>PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<p>Activities are considered either primary or secondary, with primary activities being mandatory and secondary activities being optional.</p> <p><b>Primary Activities</b> must account for at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 hours/week for single parent households with children under age 6; or</li><li>• 23 hours/week for single parent households with no children under age 6; or</li><li>• 28 hours/week per adult in two-parent households.</li></ul> <p><b>Secondary Activities</b> may be scheduled for any allowable hours remaining after all primary activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 hours/week for single parent households (whether or not there is a child under age 6); or</li><li>• 5 hours/week per adult in two-parent households.</li></ul>
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	January 1, 2017